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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Dalias et al.

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Signaling Protocol

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed February 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response. No changes have been made to the claims.

- 1 1. (Original) In a network architecture comprising a telephone switch, an access
- 2 server coupled to a data network and the telephone switch via a telecommunications medium to
- 3 transmit user information between the telephone switch and the data network, and a gateway
- 4 coupled to the access server and the telephone switch via an out-of-band communications
- 5 medium to transmit signaling information between the telephone switch and the access server, a
- 6 method, comprising:
- 7 a) sending a status message from the access server to the gateway; and
- 8 b) acknowledging to the access server that the status message was received.

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